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Laurie Yardley to Serve as Lancaster County Court Presiding Judge in 2010

Judge Laurie Yardley has been named County Court Presiding Judge of the 3rd Judicial District (Lancaster County) beginning January 1, 2010. The Nebraska Supreme Court approved the nomination of Judge Yardley, whose name was submitted by her fellow county court judges for the leadership position.

Judge Yardley has served on the county court bench in Lancaster County since taking the bench in 1995. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Nebraska County Judges' Association and was recently appointed to the newly created Case Management Committee for the County Courts. As a member of the County Judges Education Committee, she has taught education sessions for both judges and the media. Locally, Yardley has initiated innovative programming within the county court system including county court amnesty day to assist citizens in clearing their past-due accounts. Yardley currently sits on the board of the Lincoln Bar Association. She has previously served two terms as presiding judge in 1997-1998 and 2003-2004.

As presiding judge, Yardley has primary responsibility for overseeing the delivery of county court services within Lancaster County. Judge Yardley will serve as the liaison to other agencies of local and state government for the courts of the district and to the Nebraska State Bar Association and the media.

Presiding judges also bear the responsibility for the hiring, evaluation, and discipline of county court staff and provide county courts in the area with direction in matters of local district policy.

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